

5

Docket No. ETH 5095CIP

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

10

Applicants : Young, et al.

Serial No. : 10/797,367

Art Unit: 1618

Filed : 10 March 2004

Examiner: Fubara, Blessing

15

For : DRUG-ENHANCED ADHESION PREVENTION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via
The Office electronic filing system in accordance with 37 CFR 1.6(a)(4)

20

2 October 2007
(Date of Transmission)

Michele G. Mangini

25

(Name of applicant, assignee, or Registered Representative)

/Michele G. Mangini/
(Signature)
2 October 2007
(Date of Signature)

30

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

35

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

40

This paper is filed in response to the office action dated 5 September 2007 ("Office Action"), which set a shortened thirty (30) day response period.

The Office Action required:

- 1) restriction to one of the inventions set forth in Paragraphs I. and II.; and
- 2) election to a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits

45

Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the invention of Paragraph II. (claims 14 - 41).

50

Applicants further elect: (1) a barrier, and (2) a burst release as the elected species. According to the Office Action, this response "must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon," which is set forth below:

5 Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 38, 39, 40, and 41 may read on the elected
species.

It is submitted that the foregoing remarks place the case in condition for allowance.
A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

10

Respectfully submitted,
Young, et al.

15

By: /Michele G. Mangini/
Michele G. Mangini
(Attorney for Applicants)
Reg. No. 36,806
Dated: 2 October 2007

20

Johnson & Johnson
One Johnson & Johnson Plaza
New Brunswick, NJ 08933-7003
(732) 524-2810